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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:

Application of:

Mikko HÄNNINEN et al.

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR **SECURING HORIZONTALLY** LOADED CARGO UNITS TO A

VESSEL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

October 1, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as set forth below.